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**SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
January 16, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: David Rumpel, Dennis Masson, Ron Lindquist, Greg Latsch, Russ Tiles and Amy VanDyke.

ABSENT: Jack Ketchum

PARTICIPANTS: Lukas Hill - Community Development Director

**A. Call to Order.**

Rumpel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Adoption of Minutes.**

Lindquist moved to adopt the minutes of November 21, 2012 regular meeting of the Planning Commission. Latsch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**C. Approval of Agenda.**

Lindquist moved to approve the agenda. Masson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**D. General Public Comment: No general public comment.**

**E. Gordon Gallagher – Capital Improvement Plan Review**

Gordon Gallagher, Township Manager, presented the Capital Improvements Plan with the Planning Commission. He outlined the sewer improvements that have been completed in the township as well as preplanned future purchases so the township does not need to incur debt. He also reviewed the new fire station on 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the possibility of building a new one in the village.

**F. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Public Hearing**

Rumpel opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public. Masson moved to close the public hearing with support from Lindquist. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Bike path requirements and sidewalk requirements:** No changes to the draft amendment as prepared.
2. **RV parking:** No changes to the draft amendment as prepared.

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3. **Keeping of Bees:** Changes were made to include a “solid” barrier along a property to disrupt the flight line of bees and a ten foot minimum setback for hives from all property lines was established.
4. **Neighborhood Commercial amendments:** No changes to the draft amendment as prepared.
5. **Nonconforming buildings and uses:** No additional comments were made on this section.

Motion by Masson to recommend approval of the text amendments as modified to the Township Board with support from VanDyke. Motion passed unanimously.

**G. Reports**

1. Township Board: Lindquist provided a Township Board budget update.
  2. Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.
  3. CDD: No report.
- J. Motion to adjourn at 8:15PM made by Rumpel with support from Masson. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Rumpel, Chairman  
*Planning Commission*